

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re: :
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NEW YORK CITY POLICING
DURING SUMMER 2020 :
DEMONSTRATIONS :
: New York, New York
March 4, 2022
Defendant. :
: TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
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THE HONORABLE GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN,
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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alternative dates, we have on the table a proposal to defendants, which they recently objected, that we have a double-tracking of certain dates so that at least we have, even if we lose a day of higher-level folks, we have another deposition going that day.

MS. ROBINSON: Your Honor, that --

MS. MARQUEZ: That would be a --

MS. ROBINSON: -- the plaintiffs' proposed double-tracking, we simply cannot do that. For example, for Chief Monahan, the chief of the department is going next week. He requires two days of deposition, two days of prep. To double-track that would reduce our staffing levels extremely. It would just be --

THE COURT: Listen, listen, I don't know that we have -- now that you have some breathing room at the other end, I don't know that we have to worry about double-tracking in the same way. And there has to be -- the high-level people have to block out backup dates, and they have to be before June 10th, and it has to be done realistically so that if they all back out, they can all be done on their later dates. If that requires double-tracking, so be it. You must give alternate dates for all the high-level people.

You know, the odds are if you tell them the

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2 seriousness of this and if you prep them a week in advance
3 and not two days in advance, it's not going to be an issue.
4 But you absolutely must have backup dates that you inform
5 the other side of, saying, "Here's the date for this
6 person. And if that date doesn't work, here's the date or
7 dates that they're going to do it, if for some reason the
8 first one doesn't work." And if the first one doesn't
9 work, I'm trying to think, this has got to be, you know, an
10 emergent project like attending a funeral, not like
11 attending a conference. It's got to be something that is
12 of an emergent, emergency nature.

13 And I'm trying to think how -- I think that's
14 going to have to be expressed in a representation from the
15 attorney that describes in detail what the problem is and
16 why this person is completely prevented from attending the
17 deposition on that date. And preparation is not going to
18 be an excuse. It's going to be a problem of that person.
19 Your preparation's going to have to happen in advance. And
20 the plaintiffs should feel free to test this deposition
21 under oath if they have any doubts when the deposition
22 ultimately happens. So make sure your deponents tell you
23 very accurately what the problem is.

24 MS. ROBINSON: I understand -- this is Amy
25 Robinson, your Honor. I understand. Understood. And I'm

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just a little concerned that with backup dates we could --
it would be difficult --

THE COURT: You could end up in double-tracking, I
don't know. But you're going to have to get another
attorney on the case. I don't know what else to tell you.
I hope you will impress upon your deponents how important
it is to appear for their date.

MS. ROBINSON: I will in fact do that, your Honor.
My only concern is the June 10th dates.

MX. GREEN: Your Honor, if I may? I suspect not
everybody has seen this yet. And as we're thinking about
June 10th, the Second Circuit just in part reversed Judge
McMahon's decision to deny intervention to the FDA. And I
suspect that that's going to affect where our end date is
at the end of the day because we're going to have a bunch
of new -- or well, we're going to have one new party in a
sense who is starting from square one on discovery. And,
you know, I'm not sure how realistic keeping the time
schedule is going to be, given that.

THE COURT: Breaking news. I mean, I can't see
that we should halt depositions for this. I mean, maybe
they have some additional deponents or something.

MX. GREEN: To be clear, yes. I don't think that
we should halt depositions in any way. I just -- I suspect

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